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PPLICANTS:

Silver et al.

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For:

SELF-EXTINGUISHING RECOMBINASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THEM AND

METHODS OF USING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the August 6, 2003 Advisory Action and May 7, 2003 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the one-month extension, this filing is due on Monday, September 8, 2003 (September 7, 2003 being a Sunday).

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 20363-011. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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